



The Ohio Dragon - Flier



* *Newsletter of the Ohio Odonata Society* *

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SAVE THE DATE & SEE YOU THERE : SATURDAY 18 - JULY - 2015 (OOS ANNUAL MEETING)

By OOS officers



The 2015 Ohio Odonata Society Annual Meeting will take place at Cedar Bog in Champaign County Ohio (meeting will be held at the Education Center).



Physical Address = 980 Woodburn Road, Urbana, Ohio 43078.

Cedar Bog home web link = <http://www.cedarbognp.org/index.htm>



July, 2015

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DIRECTIONS : See web link [<http://www.cedarbognp.org/directions.htm>] for directions : there is also a map provided on this page. The education center is located west of US68 on Woodburn Road; North of Interstate 70.

LODGING : You may find area hotels, etc yourself in Springfield, Ohio or Urbana, Ohio.

AGENDA : Saturday we will begin at about 10:00am at the Cedar Bog Education Center. The day will include an OOS annual Business meeting; OOS small grants program; election of 2016 OOS officers; two new photo records committee members will be selected to sever on the committee for a 3 year term of 2016-2018; Odonata focused talks; several field trip options**; and mingling with fellow Ohio Odonata enthusiasts and much more.

** Two hikes are scheduled for the day so far. 1). Cedar Bog and surrounding areas off Boardwalk as well as pond area. 2). Michael's lake area (short drive north of CB) where interesting Odonata have been spotted. Two sites in Clark County are being considered / may be added by meeting time.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS : Have a presentation you would like to give? We welcome it. Please contact the program director Rob Liptak at (rjliptak@gmail.com) or OOS President *Ian Adams* at (ian@ianadamsphotography.com).

**Jim Lemon will be giving a presentation on some of the "new" additions to Cedar Bog and Champaign County

REGISTRATION : It is quite a bargain again this year = it is **FREE** !! All are welcome, please bring a friend and introduce them to the wonderful world of Odonates.

\$\$\$ SMALL GRANTS FOR CURRENT OOS MEMBERS (UP TO \$500.00) !

Have an idea for Odonata related research? Grab \$\$\$ to fund it. See grant details on page 2 of this newsletter / application is the last page of the newsletter and a filable form was sent electronically with the newsletter (for those OOS members receiving it via email). Will be discussed / included as part of the OOS business meeting.

Apply this year!

SMALL GRANTS FROM OOS? By the OOS Officers

Editors note : to date we have not been able to give away any \$\$... why ?? - Simple : no-one has applied! You have a few months yet until the deadline for this \$\$ - apply this year!

Attached to the email including this Dragonflyer newsletter was a fill-able form that members can use to apply for the OOS Small Grant for 2015-2016. A paper-copy of the application form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Below is re-printed / updated from the dragonflyer Volume 21#2, 2011

This is the call for proposals that is open to current OOS members in good standing (i.e. paid for the year proposal is submitted (2015) & potentially funded). The recipient, or recipients, of the small grant (if any) will be expected to present their findings, or project overview and results, to that point at the annual OOS meeting the following year. (i.e. projects receiving a small grant in 2015 must present at the 2016 annual meeting).

Small grant proposals up to a maximum of \$500.00 will be evaluated and considered. The OOS officers serving at the time of the proposal submission will form the committee to evaluate, accept and potentially fund the proposal (or proposals). Duration of the small grants program will be limited by the amount in treasury that exceeds anticipated operating funds and will be suspended upon depletion of the OOS funds available. Application form and details, deadlines and evaluation procedures are in the attached application form. If you have trouble with this document please contact newsletter editor Steve Chordas III (stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) or contact Steve by phone at 614-421-7159 and we will get a form to you. Also see the motion for the small grants in the meeting minutes on page 4 of the 2011 Dragonflyer (Volume 21 Number 2, 2011).

Submit your winning proposal now (completed proposals are to be submitted to the OOS President : **Ian Adams** at ian@ianadamsphotography.com). Proposal submissions will be officially be accepted until 11:59pm on 1-July-2015. Announcement of the winning proposal (if any or proposals if more than one) will occur at the next annual meeting (18-July-2015). Best of luck!

ARTICLE. Here !

by You !!

Please submit materials to the editor Steve Chordas III at (stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) or snail mail at 1063 West 2nd Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

2015 DRAGONFLY SOCIETY OF THE AMERICA'S

- From the editor / via DSA facebook page

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Dragonfly Society of the Americas (DSA) will be held in State College, Pennsylvania, USA from 25-28 June. Check out the meeting website at : <https://sites.google.com/a/udel.edu/nedsa/home/2015>. The meeting will combine local field trips with one day of talks (Saturday) and lots of opportunity to socialize. Pre-meeting and post-meeting 2-day field trips are also being planned. Anyone with an interest in Odonates is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Thanks !!

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS : OOS PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

By Steve Chordas III

We are soliciting nominations for two new OOS members to serve on the Photographic Committee (PRC) starting in 2016. Members serve on the committee for the duration of 3 calendar years (1-January through 31-December). Two new members will be elected at the 2015 OOS meeting and begin their 3 year tenure as a contributing committee member on 1-January-2016. Send nominations to the newsletter editor Steve Chordas (stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) or contact Steve by phone at 614-421-7159. *Thanks !!*

** If you have a photo record of a Dragonfly or Damselfly, please contact a current committee member to have your photo evaluated for acceptance as an official Ohio record. The 6 member Photographic Records Committee currently consists of the following individuals with their e-mail contact:

LINDA GILBERT (lkg38@roadrunner.com)

BOB GLOTZHOBER (rcglotzhober@wowway.com)

IAN ADAMS (ian@ianadamsphotography.com)

ROB LIPTAK (rjliptak@gmail.com)

LARRY ROSCHE (larryrosche@gmail.com)

SHANE MYERS (rebo429@gmail.com)

Calender of Upcoming Meetings / Events:

by editor Steve W. Chordas III

DSA 2015

25-28 June 2015, State College, Pennsylvania, USA.
See link to DSA meeting on page 2 / above / of this issue.

OOS Annual Meeting **

Saturday the 18th of July, 2015 : about 10:00am - 4:00pm+. Cedar Bog (Champaign County, Ohio) See page 1 for more specific details. Address = 980 Woodburn Rd., Urbana, Ohio 43078.

Open to all OOS members & the public - free of charge.



2014 : OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING PHOTO

Standing (Left to Right) : Mary Buckey : Deb Marsh : Linda Gilbert : Bill Marsh : Thomas Horvath? : Rob Liptak (green shirt) : Dave McShaffery (tan shirt) : Ray Stewart : Delores Cole : Jim Helfich : Vic Fazio (Blue jacket) : Adam Johnson? : Mary Ray : Charles Fletcher (yellow shirt) : John Pogacnik : Bob Glotzhober : Andrew Boose (White shirt at far right end)

Kneeling (Left to Right): Steve Chordas : Milt Rutter : Ian Adams

** if anyone is mis-identified, please send correction to editor Steve Chordas III at (stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) / correction will be published in the next dragonflier (and apologies in advance)

OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES : 2014 :

Saturday 21-June-2014 : 23 attendees (sign in sheet was present : original retained by Steve Chordas : scanned copies sent to Linda Gilbert + Ian Adams on 24-June-2014)

Meeting Opened by 2014 Society Vice-President Ian Adams at 9:10am:

Ian started by making a thank you announcement to Linda Gilbert; she was instrumental in reserving the meeting room for the OOS gathering that day.

Ian also graciously introduced, with very kind words, the following two individuals.

* **Bob Glotzhober** and **Dave McShaffery** (pointing out their fine work as editors of the Dragonflies and Damselflies of Ohio book + their contributions to the Ohio Division of Wildlife common Dragonflies publication along with other notable contributions)

Ian introduced John Pogacnik, Rob Liptak, Steve Chordas and made kind remarks about Andrew Boose, Bob Restifo, Larry Rosche, Judy Scmroc (the last 3 were not able to attend the 2014 OOS meeting).

Announcement:

the 2015 OOS Annual Meeting was proposed to be Saturday 15-June-2015 at Cedar Bog / Champaign County Ohio. (See page 1 of this newsletter for the officially scheduled date / etc) * Specific details to come / event to be "announced" in the next Dragonflier.

Business Meeting :

Minutes from the 2013 OOS Annual Meeting and Society Business Meeting were reviewed. Minutes were published in the 2014 edition of the Dragonflier, Volume 24(1): Page 6 and can be viewed there.

* Bob Glotzhober moved to accept the 2013 minutes as published the Dragonflier, Vol 24(1): Page 6.

Ian Adams Second, *Motion passed unanimously.*

Treasurer report : Society Treasurer was unable to attend - sent a report via Bob Glotzhober & Steve Chordas. Report available upon request (contact the newsletter editor for a copy) and copies were made available to the membership in attendance. Quick Summary : Society is in good financial standing at \$2,919.39 as of 18-June-2014.

* Ian Adams moved to accept the treasurers report as presented at the meeting.

Rob Liptak Second, *Motion passed unanimously.*

Election of Officers for the 2015 Calendar Year. (Note: Officers serve on a calendar year 1-January to 31-December)

President : Ian Adams

Past President 2014 : Andrew Boose

Vice President : Rob Liptak

Member-at-Large : Dave McShaffery

Secretary / Treasurer : Bob Restifo

* Bob Glotzhober moved to close nominations and accept officer placement as listed above.

Ian Adams Second, *Motion passed unanimously.*

**Although not an elected office the *Newsletter Editor* was discussed and *is / remains = Steve Chordas III*

Photo Records Committee :

-Linda Gilbert & Bob Glotzhober will complete 3 years of service on the committee on 31-December-2014 - thanks to both of them.

-Linda Gilbert & Bob Glotzhober were nominated to serve for 3 years on the committee starting 1-January-2015 and running through 31-December-2017. Both were present & agreed to be on the committee.

* Rob Liptak moved to close nominations and accept the placement of the two individuals listed above. Ian Adams Second, *Motion passed unanimously.*

Thus the PRC will consist of the following 6 members starting 1-January-2015

3 years remaining (2015, 2016, 2017): **Linda Gilbert & Bob Glotzhober**

2 years remaining (2015, 2016): **Larry Rosche & Shane Myers**

1 years remaining (2015): **Ian Adams & Rob Liptak**

Discussion of parameters needed for “good” submissions to the PRC. In many cases more details are required with the photo submissions. Not only is the photo required, but also other pertinent information needs to be included. This includes - but is not limited to - Photographer, Date of Photo, Location photo was taken (including county, location description or identifying feature (xXx Lake on xXx Road), Coordinates if possible, etc). The more data given with the submission the better !

Discussion of membership. Prior to the meeting we had 8 paid members (some of those paid members did not

include the officers - hint hint). Steve Chordas collected membership forms plus payment and will send those to treasurer Bob Restifo. All member ship forms were scanned and originals + payments sent via US Mail to Bob Restifo on Monday 23-June-2014. There were 12 paid membership dues at the meeting.

New Business:

Dave McShaffery (*After full disclosure of being a board member of the Ohio Biological Survey*) suggested that OOS become a full dues paying entity of the Ohio Biological Survey. Discussion of this followed with the mention that OOS was previously a member society for a reduced rate. Dave is to find out if this option is still possible and report to the officers with information. Dave McShaffery motioned that OOS become a member of the Ohio Biological Survey (even if no reduced rate is obtained) for up to \$250.00 per year membership fee. Milt Rutter Second, *Motion passed unanimously.*

Bob Glotzhober moved to provide a gift of \$300.00 from the OOS treasury to the Geauga MetroParks as a thanks for hosting our annual meeting and allowing the OOS membership access to the facility and grounds.

Ian Adams Second, *Motion passed unanimously.*

Presentations:

Linda Gilbert gave a presentation on the West Woods / Dragonflies of the Geauga Parks. Good photos and amazing number of species at the parks - even more amazing how many get caught by the bird feeder netting :)

Bob Glotzhober gave a presentation on Conserving Ohio’s Dragonflies. Bob outlined the criteria and matrices utilized in listing species status and how Ohio could use this information for conservation efforts.

Ian Adams gave a presentation on Photography of Odonata. Excellent talk with superb photos. A handout of the presentation was given to all in attendance. If you were not able to attend the annual meeting but would like a copy of this handout - please contact the newsletter editor (Steve Chordas) or Ian directly and we can get a copy of the handout to you

Steve Chordas gave a presentation on a non-odonata subject / Little Black Bugs (Hemiptera: Thyreocoridae).

- Meeting was adjourned via a motion by Bob Glotzhober, Milt Rutter second, *Motion passed unanimously.*
- After talks + a brief announcement about the afternoon field trips by Ian Adams, a Group Photo was taken in the meeting room before breaking for lunch (see Photo in this newsletter on page 3).
- Meeting officially adjourned approximately 1:00pm.

-- END MINUTES --

2014 DRAGON REPORT

Extracted from email from Larry Rosche (thanks Larry !!)

* AND OF COURSE KEEP 'EM COMING, LARRY

Records (all listed within this section were the photos accepted by the OOS Photo Records Committee for 2014).

All data is given in the following format:

Photo ID / Photographer / Proposed Species / Proposed Species / Locality / Date / Record notes

Records are listed by Photo ID. Inquires of records can be made to the Photo Records Committee (see page 2 for committee members and contact info). Spreadsheet of this info is available upon request (contact the newsletter editor Steve Chordas III at (stevechordas@sbcglobal.net))

*Photo 14-01 a,b,c/Chad Arment/Blue Corporal / *Ladona deplanata* / Maple Ridge Reserve, Miami Co. 4/29/2014/First County record

*Photo 14-02 a/Chad Arment/Carolina Saddlebags / *Tramea carolina* / Maple Ridge Reserve, Miami Co. 5/22/2014/ First County record

*Photo 14-03 a,b/Chad Arment/Spangled Skimmer / *Libellula cyanea* / Maple Ridge Reserve, Miami Co. 6/2/2014/First County record

*Photo 14-04 a,b,c/Carol Blake/Gray Petaltail / *Tachopteryx thoryei* / Monroe Township, 41:53:0.57000°N, -80:36:2.65200°W, Ashtabula Co. 6/16/2014/ Second County record

*Photo 14-05 a, b, c/Todd Eiben/Green-striped Darner / *Aeshna verticalis* / North Chagrin Reservation, 41°33' 29.5" N, -81°26' 8.7" W, Cuyahoga Co. 8/30/2014/First County record

*Photo 14-06 a, b/Linda Gilbert/Clamp-tipped Emerald / *Somatochlora tenebrosa* / Observatory Park, Montville Township, Geauga Co. 7/12/2014/First County photo record

*Photo 14-07 a,b,c/Linda Gilbert/Lilypad Forktail / *Ischnura kellicotti* / Lake Kelso, Burton Township, 41.444015° N, -81.176828° W, Geauga Co. 8/9/2014/ First County record

*Photo 14-08 a,b/Roger Grossenbacher/Blue Corporal / *Ladona deplanata* / Wahkeena, Berne Township, Fairfield Co. 5/4/2014/ Second county record

*Photo 14-09 a,b/Hopper/Royal River Cruiser / *Macromia taeniolata* / Genoa Township, Delaware Co. 9/5/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-10 a,b,c/Corrie Johnson/Dusky Dancer / *Argia translata* / Ax Factory Run, 41.076742°N, -80.704485°W, Mahoning Co. 7/25/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-11 a,b/Corrie Johnson/Citrine Forktail / *Ischnura hastata* / Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, 40.976027°N, -80.693778°W, Mahoning Co. 9/14/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-12 a/John Katko/Swamp Darner / *Epiaeschna heros* / Near Big Swamp Preserve, Erie Co. 7/30/2014, in pool

*Photo 14-13 a,b/Phyllis Kelly/Band-winged Dragonlet/ *Erythrodiplax umbrata* / Crook Street Wetlands, Grafton Township, Lorain Co. 6/15/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-14 a/Olivia Kittle/Banded Pennant / *Celithemis fasciata* / Burr Oak SP Dock #2, Morgan Co. 7/17/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-15 a,b/James Lemon/Swamp Darner / *Epiaeschna heros* / Cedar Bog SNP, Urbana Township, 40.057443, -83.796379, Champaign Co. 6/7/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-16 a,b/James Lemon/Azure Bluet / *Enallagma aspersum* / Cedar Bog SNP, Urbana Township, 40.057443, -83.796379, Champaign Co. 6/14/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-17 a/James Lemon/Dusky Dancer / *Argia translata* / Michael's Lakes, Urbana Township, 40.092775, -83.796581, Champaign Co. 7/25/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-18 a,b,c,d/James Lemon/Swift Setwing / *Dythemis velox* / Michael's Lakes, Urbana Township, 40.09225°N, -83.791867°W, Champaign Co. 7/25/2014/First county and Ohio record, several individuals seen on many dates at site well into September

*Photo 14-19 a/James Lemon/Citrine Forktail / *Ischnura hastata* / Michael's Lakes, Urbana Township, Champaign Co. 7/29/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-20 a/James Lemon/Black-shouldered Spinyleg *Dromogomphus spinosus* / Michael's Lakes, Urbana Township, 40.092257°N, -83.791867°W, Champaign Co. 9/4/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-21 a,b/James Lemon/Great Spreadwing / *Archilestes grandis* / Cedar Bog SNP, Urbana Township, 40.057443°N, -83.796379°W, Champaign Co. 10/26/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-22 a/James Lemon/Great Spreadwing / *Archilestes grandis* / Cedar Bog SNP, Urbana Township, 40.057443°N, -83.796379°W, Champaign Co. 10/27/2014/Second county record

*Photo 14-23 a,b/Rob Liptak/Midland Clubtail / *Gomphus fraternus* / Private Property on Hughes Road, SE Shelby Co. 7/18/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-24 a/Doug Marcum/Twin-spotted Spiketail/ *Cordulegaster maculata* / Mesopotamia Township, 41.2900°N, -80.5730°W, Trumbull Co. 5/30/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-25 a/Doug Marcum/Delta-spotted Spiketail/ *Cordulegaster diastatops* / Mesopotamia Township, Trumbull Co. 6/5/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-26 a/Dave McShaffrey/Black-shouldered Spinyleg *Dromogomphus spinosus* / Brookside Haven, Monroe Township, 39° .337'N, 82° .590'W, Perry Co. 6/27/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-27 a/Shane Myers/Swamp Darner / *Epiaeschna heros* / Findlay, 41.036437, -83.660246, Hancock Co. 6/13/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-28/Shane Myers/Vesper Bluet / *Enallagma vesperum* / Hancock County Landfill, Allen Township, 41.121925, -83.673776, Hancock Co. 7/12/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-29 a/Rick Nirschl/Banded Pennant / *Celithemis fasciata* / Bumpus Tract, Oak Openings MP, Lucas Co. 8/26/2014/Late date

*Photo 14-30 a/Rick Nirschl/Mottled Darner / *Aeshna clepsydra* / Magee Marsh Wildlife Beach, Lucas Co. 9/20/2014/First county record

*Photo 14-31 a/Rick Nirschl/Carolina Saddlebags / *Tramea carolina* / Bumpus Tract, Oak Openings MP, Lucas Co. 9/22/2014/Ohio late date

*Photo 14-32 a/Rick Nirschl/Dusky Dancer / *Argia translata* / Bumpus Tract, Oak Openings MP, Lucas Co. 9/25/2014/First county record and late date

**ANOTHER EPIAESCHNA HEROS (SWAMP DARNER)
JUNE OVIPOSITION OBSERVATION !**

by Jim Heflich

Jim Heflich attended the 2014 OOS annual meeting and field trips where members discussed many dragonfly items; one being the Swamp Darner. After the meeting he made an observation of a June oviposition event by *Epiaeschna heros* (the Swamp Darner) in Ohio. This further supports two recent reports of this same species ovipositing into June in Ohio. Jim took a photo of the ovipositing female he observed; photo below.



Swamp darner photo : Mentor Marsh (Lake City), 16-VI-2014

As reported in the 2014 *Dragonflier* article by Andrew Boose (see *Volume 24(1), Pages 3-4*), *Epiaeschna heros* generally oviposit in late April in central Ohio and that there was a record of one ovipositing in late May in 2010. Islay Cowie reported a June oviposition observation for this species in central Ohio (see *Dragonflier, 2014, Volume 24(2), Page 2*). So, here's another June data / observation from Northern Ohio.

Nice job Jim and thanks for sending this along !!

★ EDITORS NOTE : GOOD TO SEE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP IS READING THE DRAGONFLIER ! YAY



ERYTHRODIPLAX UMBRATA (BAND-WINGED DRAGONLET) IN ONTARIO AND CANADA

Article included in this issue (with permission to re-print)
by Bill Lamond

Erythrodiplax umbrata (Band-winged Dragonlet) is rarely encountered in Ontario (and in Canada in general). A very nice 2015 article from "*The Wood Duck*" about this species and the Canada records of this species (since 2008) is re-printed for our membership at the end of this issue.

Enjoy !!

- *Photo 14-33/Larry Rosche/Spangled Skimmer / *Libellula cyanea* / Camp Ravenna, Charleston Township, Portage Co. 7/13/2005/First Portage Co. record.
- *Photo 14-34 a,b,c/Judy Semroc/Amber-winged Spreadwing *Lestes eurinus* / Schrader Mine Bog, Pike County 5/17/2014/First county record
- *Photo 14-35 a,b,c,d/Judy Semroc/Lilypad Forktail / *Ischnura kellicotti* / Stewart Lake, Franklin Township, Portage Co. 7/3/2014/First county record
- *Photo 14-36 a,b,c,d/Judy Semroc/Mocha Emerald / *Somotachlora linearis* / Boardman Township, Mahoning Co. 7/12/2014/First county record
- *Photo 14-37 a,b,c/Judy Semroc/Black-shouldered Spinyleg *Dromogomphus spinosus* / Deer Creek Reservoir spillway, Lexington Township, Stark Co. 7/14/2014/First county record
- *Photo 14-38 a/Judy Semroc/Great Spreadwing / *Archilestes grandis* / Laurel Township, Hocking Co. 8/15/2014/First county record
- *Photo 14-39 a/Judy Semroc/Lilypad Forktail / *Ischnura kellicotti* Nimisila Reservoir, Summit Co. 8/28/2014/First county record
- *Photo 14-40 a/Leslie Warren/Eastern Least Clubtail *Stylogomphus albistylus* /Boardman Township, 40.99753°N, -80.622203°W, Mahoning Co. 7/18/2014/First county record
- *Photo 14-41 a/Leslie Warren/Carolina Saddlebags / *Tramea carolina* / Boardman Township, 41°0'3.3" N, 80 37'15.6" W, Mahoning Co. 9/14/2014/First county record
- *Photo 14-42 a/Paula Bartlett/Common Green Darner / *Anax junius* / Scheele Preserve, Kelleys Island, Erie Co. 11/3/2014/First November Record for Ohio

2015 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER ! From the OOS officers.

✓ **OOS membership runs on a calendar year.**

* 2015 dues are "due" now - *sounds weird, but true*

* In the past, many members paid their dues at the annual meeting (which will be held 18-July in 2015). You can still pay 2015 dues at the annual meeting. We will have dues forms for 2015 + 2016 at the annual meeting also (so you can join for the next year!). The 2015 membership form is included at the end of this newsletter. *Thanks !!*



ADD YOUR EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR

★ If you have any announcements or event notification information you would like included in the "calendar of events section" of the *Dragonflier*, please send that information to the editor at stevechordas@sbcglobal.net for inclusion in the 2015 (Volume 25, #2) newsletter. *Thanks !!*



ODONATA IN EVERYDAY LIFE ?

Contributions from Bob Restifo

The following half-dozen (yes 6) items of various Dragonfly items are from Bob Restifo. **Thanks Bob ☺**
(many more Odonata items to come from Bob in future issues).



Magnets



Matted Print



Mouse Pad



Necklace



Note Cards



Dragonfly Lamp

Send your examples, comments, contributions, photos, etc to editor Steve Chordas III at (stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) or snail mail at 1063 West 2nd Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212. **Thanks !!**

Have a great Spring 2015!

SEE EVERYONE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN JULY 2015

PLEASE SUBMIT :
NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS !!

From the editor, Steve W. Chordas III

Special Thanks to **Ian Adams, Rob Liptak, Jim Heflich, Bob Restifo, Bill Lamond, and Bob Glotzhober** for submitting contributions to this newsletter!!

We are always looking for your thoughts / findings / Odonata related materials, announcements or general information to include in the Dragon-flier. We welcome submissions from our membership. Feel free to send your contributions, ideas, suggestions to Steve Chordas at (stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) or snail mail at 1063 West 2nd Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

* We currently have 1 Odonata in everyday life contribution for the next newsletter - **Thanks !! And keep them coming !**

DRAGONFLIER BACK ISSUES ?

Any OOS member in good standing may request a back issue. Send request with specified volume/issue to Steve Chordas III (stevechordas@sbcglobal.net), if you wish a hard copy, please specify that and provide the snail mail address

Available issues :

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VOLUME 23(1) : 2013 VOLUME 20(1) & 20(2) : 2010
VOLUME 22(1) : 2012

Many thanks.



OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY : 2015 DUES STATEMENT



Regular Membership (1 year) = \$ 5.00
Membership runs from 1-January to 31-December 2015
Supporting Membership = \$10.00

____ (Yes) I would be interested in receiving the Ohio Dragon-Flier via e-mail as a PDF file, instead of via U.S. surface mail.
(Your e-mail address is required for this option).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone (Optional): _____

E-mail Address (Optional): _____

* Return this form with payment (cash encouraged - receipts will be sent) to :
(Make checks payable to : Ohio Odonata Society)

★ We will also have 2015 / 2016 membership forms available at the Annual meeting in July.

Bob Restifo
Treasurer : Ohio Odonata Society
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Band-winged Dragonlet in Ontario and Canada



by Bill Lamond

The Band-winged Dragonlet (*Erythrodiplax umbrata*) is a small to medium sized skimmer, nearly the size of an Eastern Pondhawk. For breeding, it utilizes shallow, marshy ponds, often temporary, with variable sedge and grass cover. It is a tropical/sub-tropical species that is abundant and widespread in the tropics, from the West Indies to eastern Mexico, south to Argentina. In the United States, it is found primarily in south Florida and south Texas where it is common. It regularly irrupts northwards into northern Texas and Oklahoma. However, it has also strayed northeastwards along the Mississippi River drainage basin, with individuals recorded as far north as northeast Ohio, southern Michigan, northern Illinois and extreme southern Ontario. This article summarizes these northern records and, in particular, the three records of this species for Ontario, all at Point Pelee National Park; these are the only records for Canada.

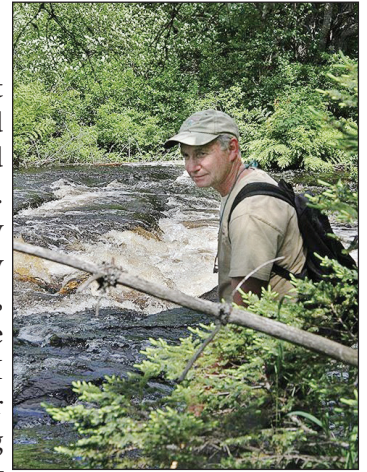
This species was first found far to the north of its usual haunts in 1934, when there were three records: Gibson County, Indiana, 1 September; Pike County, Indiana, 1 September; and Urbana, Ohio, 11 June. This species was not recorded again “in the north” until 11 August 2006, when an individual was photographed near Cincinnati, Ohio. The following year, this species was again found in Ohio, at four sites in three counties in the northeastern part of the state (Lake, Cuyahoga, and Geauga), with multiple individuals at three of the four sites (from 27 August to 17 October). At one site (Leroy Township, Lake County), a population consisting of about 25 immatures, females, and males, was discovered indicating that this species had successfully bred. In fact, the species had likely bred successfully at three of the four sites. Truly astounding for such a far-flung dragonfly. Also in 2007, this species was found in extreme southeast Wayne County, Michigan, at the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (Humbug Marsh Unit) on 6 October – the most northerly record at that time. This location is only about five km away from Boblo Island, Amherstburg, Ontario.



“A tropical dragonfly in Canada” - an immature male Band-winged Dragonlet, 17 September 2008, Point Pelee National Park - photo Steve Pike.

The first record for Ontario occurred the following year when Steven T. Pike photographed an individual on 17 September 2008 along the West Beach of Point Pelee. From Steve’s subsequent email post:

“I walked back along West Beach and was amazed how many butterflies and dragonflies were around. The first good butterfly I ran into was a very fresh Variegated Fritillary, and then a co-operative Carolina Saddlebags. I was watching closely for something else interesting when I noticed a dragonfly that I thought might be different so I was sure to photograph it well. After emailing it to Paul Pratt, I was amazed to know it was a Band-winged Dragonlet the first record for Canada. Paul says the usual range for this species is Texas and Oklahoma but recently (last fall) it had also occurred in Michigan and Ohio, so keep your eyes peeled. For those interested in possibly re-locating this one, I found it approx. 50 meters north of the Half Way train stop on West Beach.”



Author Bill Lamond at Bissett Creek, Renfrew County, 21 June 2014 - photo Janet Nelson.



Map of submitted records of Band-winged Dragonlet from www.odonatacentral.org. Differing colours are from different sources. Not all records have been submitted. Note records lacking from Northeast Ohio.

In 2012 there were four sightings of dragonlets in the north, all in Illinois. There were three records from Cook County, ranging from 20 May to 5 June, and a record on 20 May from Lake County, which is about two km south of the Wisconsin border – the most northerly record to date. Both of these counties border Lake Michigan, and indeed all of these four 2012 records were within one km of Lake Michigan, a known pattern, as stray insects are often found adjacent to large bodies of water. In 2014

the species was again recorded in Illinois, on 31 August in Cook County, and another individual was found well inland in Putnum County, on 17 May. Also in 2014, this species was again reported in northeast Ohio in Lorain County (Grafton Township) on 15 June 2014. However, this record has not yet been accepted by the Ohio Photo Records Committee and is tentative, although it will likely be accepted (*fide* Robert Glotzhober).

Band-winged Dragonlet was recorded again in Ontario in 2014, when two individuals were found at Point Pelee. Lev Frid recorded the first individual – a male flying around the Tip of Point Pelee on 29 September. Here is a portion of his Ont-Odes post:

“At the Tip, I photographed an unusual dragonfly that came in with a small passage of Monarchs and Sharp-



Flight shot of mature male Band-winged Dragonlet at Tip of Point Pelee National Park, 29 September 2014 - photo Lev Frid.

shinned Hawks and forwarded it [the photo] to Kyle Holloway, and after some expletives, he informed me that it was indeed a Band-winged Dragonlet. It flew around for a while and perched a few times, but was not present in the afternoon. Several pictures were acquired.”

I had a tripped planned to Point Pelee from 3-6 October and I was excited about the possibility of seeing Band-winged Dragonlet. As per several other occasions with stray insects; if there is one there may be more. Despite poor insect weather over the four days I was at Point Pelee, I was lucky and managed to see a dragonlet on 6 October. An excerpt from my Ont-Odes post is as follows:



Mature female Band-winged Dragonlet, 6 October 2014, Point Pelee National Park - photo Bill Lamond.

“On Monday [October 6] it was substantially warmer but still cool and windy and mostly cloudy. There was a period around 11 a.m. when the sun was mostly out. I took advantage of this to look for odes south of Northwest Beach, a prime area for odes and butterflies. I was flushing Green Darners, Black Saddlebags, Autumn

Meadowhawks and one female Mottled Darner. At one point I noticed a smallish pale dragonfly in a grassy area that initially looked uninteresting. I must have been thinking female Blue Dasher or Eastern Pondhawk but I netted it as I was curious. On examining this dragonfly it was obviously not a Dasher but resembled a very washed-out female Pondhawk, although I have never seen any




Close-up of thorax of female Band-winged Dragonlet, Point Pelee National Park, 6 October 2014- photo Bill Lamond.

variability in female pondhawks. I wondered if it was a vagrant skimmer species. I had no idea what a female Band-winged Dragonlet looked like but I wondered if this was one. I took several photos and decided to collect the dragon in a coffee cup, as I had no field guides with me. It was later at Alan Wormington’s place, when I figured out it was a female dragonlet from an internet search. Not too surprising, considering one had been seen earlier in the week at the Tip. I took more photos and released the dragonfly back where I had caught it. I’m guessing there are a few more of this species in the park, and the strong southerly winds on Friday and today (Monday) may have moved some interesting odes into the province which could end up at Point Pelee when the weather warms”.

The records from Indiana and Ohio in 1934 show that the recent sightings, although exceptional, are not unique. In the words of Dennis Paulson:

“It is clear that invasions by Band-winged Dragonlets of [the northern states] have been going on for a long time. I’m sure the number of observers to document such things has continued to climb in recent years, although it’s highly probable that they have become more frequent and large-scale in recent years with the rise in temperatures”.

The Band-winged Dragonlet, with its startling appearance (males anyway) and normal tropical/sub-tropical haunts, makes it an exciting addition to the fauna of Canada. It seems certain, that with this species being reported “in the north” in five of the last ten years, and with rapid global warming, that the Band-winged Dragonlet will be seen again in Ontario. Perhaps even in Hamilton! 

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